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## daily floor report

Friday, January 12, 2007  
80th Legislature, Number 4  
The House convenes at 9 a.m.

The House is expected to consider HR 2 by Puente, the proposed Housekeeping Resolution governing the administration and operation of the House of Representatives, and HR 3 by Solomons, the proposed House Rules for the 80th Legislature.

Yesterday, all House members received ballots to approve or disapprove the slate of eight members nominated to serve four-year terms on the House Research Organization Steering Committee. Please return your ballot to the HRO office, Room 420 of the John H. Reagan Building.



David Farabee  
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## **PROPOSED HOUSE RULE CHANGES**

HR 3 by Solomons, the proposed changes in the House Rules for the 80th Legislature, would amend the rules used during the 79th Legislature. The proposed changes are summarized below, with the rules affected and the page numbers of the proposed changes cited in parentheses.

### **Recorded Votes on Final Passage**

The yeas and nays of the members would be recorded in the House Journal on final passage of any bill or any joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment (Rule 5, sec. 51, page 94). Final passage would mean a vote on:

- third reading;
- second reading, if the House suspended or otherwise dispensed with the requirement for three readings;
- concurring with Senate amendments; or
- adopting a conference committee report.

### **Committees – Membership and Jurisdiction**

The chairs of the Appropriations and the State Affairs committees no longer would be limited to membership only on the one substantive committee that each chairs (Rule 4, sec. 4, pages 49-50). Like other members, they could serve on no more than two substantive committees.

The number of members on the Agriculture and Livestock Committee would increase from seven to nine (Rule 3, sec. 1, page 21). This change would increase by two the total number of available slots on the substantive committees, which would allow the Appropriations and State Affairs chairs to be appointed to another substantive committee without reducing the total number of available committee slots.

The Business and Industry Committee would have specific jurisdiction over privacy and identity theft and homeowners' associations (Rule 3, sec. 4, page 23).

The committee jurisdictions over state agencies would be updated to reflect the agencies renamed, added, abolished, or reorganized by the 79th Legislature.

### **Pending Questions of Order**

The House could not consider further a matter or proposition that was the subject of a question of order until the speaker had decided the question and the House had decided any appeal of the speaker's decision. The House could not consider any other matter or proposition while a question of

order was pending, unless the question was temporarily withdrawn and the matter or proposition that was the subject of the question was postponed. Withdrawing a question of order would not prevent any member from raising that question when the matter or proposition was again before the House (Rule 1, sec. 9(c), page 5).